

Sparta Perspective

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According to the calendar, it is supposed to be winter, and some days there is no trouble believing it. Then again, some days come along like this past weekend and I wonder—did I miss a few weeks of winter, like Rip VanWinkle? Could it really be spring? Of course, I didn't and it isn't.

Someone did tell me it was the January thaw. Could be, I suppose, but how many January thaws can you get in one January? Probably the best way to sum up the whole upside-down weather picture is to accept the fact this is Western New York, and let it go at that.

The delightful weekend could not be faulted, I must admit. I even managed to get a few long overdue garden chores done and some of the annual winter debris cleaned up. Also those bales of straw waiting to be put under cover finally were, and just in time it appears. Wet straw isn't the best sort of bedding for the animals.

In-as-much as there's only so much you can do out of doors on even a nice January day, eventually I made my way back inside. Not with a great deal of enthusiasm, however, for I knew there were a half dozen household tasks that needed to be done, none of the least bit appealing.

Gee, wouldn't it be nice if housework was seasonal? It isn't so much that I mind doing it exactly, it's just that it is so awfully, terribly daily. You can ignore it, to be sure, but it gets back at you by proliferating all out of proportion, it seems to me. And naturally, when you do ignore it for a day or two, that's when someone is sure to come, usually someone you do not want to see your house at less than its shining best. What I'd really like to have is a housekeeper. What a joy that would be. Anyone care to apply?

Well, anyway, so much for the weekend. Monday wasn't too bad but it surely was dark. In fact, I slept late because I was sure it was too dark to be time to get up and turned over and took another snooze. It was still dark when I awoke again and I almost turned over again but this time I saw the clock. Hoo boy, it sure was time to get up. It was nice to have that bit of extra sleep though.

The grayness and drizzle didn't bother the mourning doves at all. They congregated on the ridge of the barn roof, fluffing their feathers and cooing very contentedly most of the morning. Don't they make a lovely sound, so gentle and pleasant. I am surprised to see so many of them out at the barn, considering that Owliver lives there too. The doves don't seem to mind in the least, unlike a lot of other birds. They apparently have their own corner of the old hayloft and Owliver has

his. Wonder what those poor birds eat in bad weather. Sometime I don't see them for days when it's cold. Maybe I should spread some corn for them, too. Or don't they eat corn, maybe?

I keep wondering, how did I ever get so involved with birds and animals. Not that I want to change that. I enjoy it exceedingly, but when I was a kid we didn't have many pets, a dog or two. I don't recall paying much attention to them. I lived in city apartments for a number of years, no pets allowed (you were lucky to find one in those days where they let you have your kids!).

When we finally bought our house I didn't encourage pets because with four small kids I figured I had enough to do. Even-

tually we acquired some cats, seldom by design. They adopted us but city life doesn't usually foster any great interest in animals. That we acquired a dog two whole years before leaving the city was again not by design, not my design, at any rate. Charlie (aided and abetted by Michael) just took it for granted we loved him as he did us—and how can you turn away a dog that acts like that? Later, it was the same with Joey. And Red. And Gussie. And from there is just sort of grew and grew. Right now I'm hoping to find a way to get those two goats I want to add to my motely collection.

And so it goes, starting with one animal to who knows how many. And loving every minute of it.

Air Force Man Sent to Philippines

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Daryl G. Holbrook, son of Harold and Mamie Holbrook of 3 Pine St., has arrived for duty with the 3rd Civil Engineering Squadron, Philippines.

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— Song of Songs 8:7

Hearts and flowers are nice on Valentine's Day, but they're not really what love is all about. The love between a man and woman is so beautiful and so sacred that the author of the Song of Songs used it to illustrate the love between God and His people, Israel. No one can command love, the author points out. It is a gift to be given and received freely. Even God does not force His love on us — it is always there if we will only accept it. Learn more about His love for you, in the church of your choice.



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